

**Table 22.—Average grade that the public would give the schools in their community and in the nation at large:  
1974 to 1999**

Year	All adults			No children in school			Public school parents			Private school parents		
	Nation	Local community	Local neighborhood	Nation	Local community	Local neighborhood	Nation	Local community	Local neighborhood	Nation	Local community	Local neighborhood
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1974 .....	—	2.63	—	—	2.57	—	—	2.80	—	—	2.15	—
1975 .....	—	2.38	—	—	2.31	—	—	2.49	—	—	1.81	—
1976 .....	—	2.38	—	—	2.34	—	—	2.48	—	—	2.22	—
1977 .....	—	2.33	—	—	2.25	—	—	2.59	—	—	2.05	—
1978 .....	—	2.21	—	—	2.11	—	—	2.47	—	—	1.69	—
1979 .....	—	2.21	—	—	2.15	—	—	2.38	—	—	1.88	—
1980 .....	—	2.26	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1981 .....	1.94	2.20	—	—	2.12	—	—	2.36	—	—	1.88	—
1982 .....	2.01	2.24	—	2.04	2.18	—	2.01	2.35	—	2.02	2.20	—
1983 .....	1.91	2.12	—	1.92	2.10	—	1.92	2.31	—	1.82	1.89	—
1984 .....	2.09	2.36	—	2.11	2.30	—	2.11	2.49	—	2.04	2.17	—
1985 .....	2.14	2.39	—	2.16	2.36	—	2.20	2.44	—	1.93	2.00	—
1986 .....	2.13	2.36	—	—	2.29	—	—	2.55	—	—	2.14	—
1987 .....	2.18	2.44	—	2.20	2.38	—	2.22	2.61	—	2.03	2.01	—
1988 .....	2.08	2.35	—	2.02	2.32	—	2.13	2.48	—	2.00	2.13	—
1989 .....	2.01	2.35	—	1.99	2.27	—	2.06	2.56	—	1.93	2.12	—
1990 .....	1.99	2.29	—	1.98	2.27	—	2.03	2.44	—	1.85	2.09	—
1991 .....	2.00	2.36	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1992 .....	1.93	2.30	—	1.92	—	—	1.94	2.73	—	1.85	—	—
1993 .....	1.95	2.41	—	1.97	2.40	—	1.97	2.48	—	1.80	2.11	—
1994 .....	1.95	2.26	2.43	1.95	2.16	2.34	1.90	2.55	2.64	1.86	1.90	2.23
1995 .....	1.97	2.28	2.47	1.98	2.25	2.43	1.93	2.41	2.56	1.81	1.85	2.09
1996 .....	1.93	2.30	—	1.91	2.22	—	2.00	2.56	—	1.80	1.86	—
1997 .....	1.97	2.35	—	1.99	2.27	—	2.01	2.56	—	1.99	1.87	—
1998 .....	1.93	2.41	—	1.91	2.36	—	1.96	2.51	—	1.81	2.20	—
1999 .....	2.02	2.44	—	2.03	2.42	—	1.97	2.56	—	—	—	—

—Data not available.

NOTE.—Average based on a scale where A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, and F=0.

SOURCE: *Phi Delta Kappa*, "The Annual Gallup Poll of the Public's Attitudes Toward the Public Schools," various years. (This table was prepared September 1999.)